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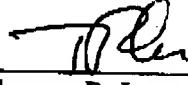
REMARKS

Claims 1-17, 20-32, and 34-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,047,370 ("Grochowski"). Claims 18 and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Grochowski. Claim 19 has been allowed.

The applicants have cancelled claims 1-18 and claims 20-35 to place the application in condition for allowance. The applicants therefore respectfully request the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If there is a deficiency in fees, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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